

Subject: Fwd: Letter of support for RFK

From: Anna Gruben

Date: 04/06/2016 12:11 PM

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FYI, Rosa Trujillo's (Principal of Berendo) letter sent to Rosario Kurlander this morning...

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From: **Saldana, Carmela** <cms5360@lausd.net>

Date: Wed, Apr 6, 2016 at 9:41 AM

Subject: Letter of support for RFK

To: "Kurlander, Rosario" <rik41841@lausd.net>

Cc: "Trujillo, Rosa" <rmt6363@lausd.net>, "annagruben@peopleforparks.org" <annagruben@peopleforparks.org>

Good Morning,

I have attached the letter of support for RFK. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks,

Carmela Saldana

School Administrative Assistant

Berendo Middle School

[\(213\) 739-5699](tel:(213)739-5699)

From: Trujillo, Rosa

Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 9:39 PM

To: Anna Gruben

Cc: Saldana, Carmela

Subject: Re: Letter of support for RFK

Hi Anna

I will ask my office manager to email to you tomorrow with my signature.

Thank you

Rosa Trujillo

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2016, at 9:25 PM, Anna Gruben <annagruben@peopleforparks.org> wrote:

Hi Rosa! I wanted to make sure you received the draft below. We'd like to get it to RFKs principals by this Thursday (which is when they meet next), if possible. The person you would send the letter to is Rosario Kurlander, Operations Manager rik41841@lausd.net.

I'd be happy to send it to her myself if that's easier. It would probably be best to send as a pdf on Berendo letter head with your signature on it. Please let me know how I can help.

Thank you!!

Anna

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2016, at 10:42 AM, Anna Gruben <annagruben@peopleforparks.org> wrote:

Hi Rosa. Here's what I was thinking in terms of a letter of support for a CSP at RFK. Is this something you'd be ok signing? Feel free to make additions or cut things...

Dear RFK Leadership Team,

I want you to know why I support the People for Parks Community School Park (CSP) initiative and why the Robert F Kennedy Community Schools campus will benefit from having its own CSP.

A CSP is a supervised school-site playground open to the community on weekends, holidays and summer vacation. They feature healthful programming carried out by school district staff and are made possible by People for Parks and its supporters. They provide much needed safe play-havens for kids, families and neighbors living in park-poor neighborhoods like ours. Berendo Middle School's CSP opened last December and already we see fantastic results. Youth and parents now regularly come to our campus to exercise, engage in free play or simply enjoy the fresh air. We have a dad who leads a basketball clinic every weekend. Parents are working to revitalize our campus gardens.

My goal as principal is to develop the whole child and strengthen the ties between the school and the surrounding neighborhood. Our CSP is becoming an essential assist in furthering this objective.

None of this would have been possible without the coordinating and outreach assistance provided by People for Parks. Because of their pre-existing agreements with LAUSD and Beyond the Bell, opening our CSP was fast and easy. People for Parks is sensitive to the unique needs of the schools it serves. I have been delighted by the way it works hand in glove with me to assure that the CSP operates to further my goals as principal. People for Parks also helps with special events, such as Berendo's CSP grand opening day ceremony. This event truly spotlighted our school in very positive way. It brought representatives from city government, several charitable organizations and many civic leaders to our campus. LAUSD board member Monica Garcia also came and her enthusiasm for the partnership between People for Parks and our school was really inspiring. She shares with me the need to expand this partnership throughout her district.

Our CSP is in its infancy. But I foresee in the years to come it will greatly enhance the image of our school and the public support we receive. I see our school truly becoming the cultural and social heart of our community.

Sent from my iPhone

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ANNA GRUBEN
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